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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL

1. SUMMARY: THE SECRETARY HAD A BROAD RANGING BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL SEPTEMBER 29 IN NEW YORK. ATTENDING FOR THE CHILEANS IN ADDITION TO THE FONMIN WERE UN PERMDEL ISMAEL HUERTA, AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. MANUEL TRUCCO, FONMIN POLITICAL ADVISOR ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN AND FONMIN ECONOMIC ADVISOR THOMAS LACKINGTON. ATTENDING ON THE U.S. SIDE WERE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND DESK OFFICER DRISCOLL. CARVAJAL LEFT SEVERAL "PIECES OF PAPER" WITH THE SECRETARY. THEY CONCERNED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CHILEAN ECONOMY, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES; THE LEGAL MEANING OF THE NEW LEVEL OF THE STATE OF SEIGE; THE FORMATION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE; NEW LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTEMPLATING; A REPORT ON POLITICAL DETAINEES; AND AND ICRC REPORT ON THE DETENTION CENTERS. A FINAL PIECE OF PAPER
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CONCERNED THE RECENT ARMS LIMITATION TALKS HELD IN

SANTIAGO.

2. ON HUMAN RIGHTS CARVAJAL SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WERE "ABSOUTELY FALSE." THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE SAW THE PROBLEM ON TWO LEVELS. ON THE FIRST, THE CRITICISMS OF CHILE WERE HYPOCRITICAL SINCE THE CRITICS DID NOT ALSO CRITICIZE VIOLATIONS IN HUNDREDS OF COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD." THE OTHER LEVEL IS PRACTICAL. IT IS HARD FOR US TO HELP THE GOC UNDER THE PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT ANYTHING THAT THE GOC COULD DO, AND DO VISIBLY, WOULD BE "ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL." OTHERWISE, CONGRESS WILL PLACE RESTRICTION UPON RESTRICTION.

3. THE SECRETARY ASKED WHY THE GOC HAD CANCELLED THE VISIT OF THE UNHRC WORKING GROUP. CARVAJAL SAID THAT THE GROUP HAD CREATED A BAD ATMOSPHERE BECAUSE OF ITS CONDUCT IN NEW YORK AND LIMA. NOW IT HAS WRITTEN AN "UNFAIR" RREPORT. THUS, EVEN THOUGH PINOCHET HAD "LEFT THE DOOR OPEN," THE REPORT WILL CLOSE IT. RETURNING TO THE THEME OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY "PRECISE"SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW THE CONDITIONS. BUT IF THE GOC DOES MAKE SOME CHANGES IN HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TO LET US KNOW SO WE CAN USE IT WITH OUR CONGRESS.

4. TRUCCO BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM THE GOC IS HAVING WITH EX-IM BANK. HE CLAIMED THAT CHILE IS LIMITED TO \$500,000 PER TRANSACTION. THE SECRETARY ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO TELEPHONE EX-IM PRESIDENT CASEY ABOUT THE RESTRICTION, STATING IT WAS "A VESTIGE OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT". TRUCCO ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE PRIVATE BANKS ARE TREATING CHILE VERY WELL. THEY HAVE RECENTLY DOUBLED THE AMOUNT THEY WERE PREPARED TO LEND. FINANCE MINISTER CAUAS WILL COME TO NEW YORK IN OCTOBER FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM.

5. ON PERU, CARVAJAL SAID THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS AN IMPROVE-MENT. THERE IS STILL SOVIET INFLUENCE, ESPECIALLY WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ARMED FORCES. FURTHER, THE GOC IS TRYING TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLEM WITH BOLIVIA. AS YET, HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT MAKE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS. THE SECRETARY THANKED CARVAJAL FOR THE INFORMATION AND REMARKED THAT ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. TURNING TO FMS THE SECRETARY MENTIONED THAT WE WERE CONTEMPLATING MAKING AVAILABLE FOR CASH SALE OF \$10 MILLION

MINIMUM DEFENSIVE PACKAGE. HE SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH COULD GO FORWARD ALSO WITH THE \$20 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, BUT CONGRESS WOULD KNOCK IT DOWN. "OUR TENTATIVE JUDGMENT" IS TO NOT ASK CONGRESS FOR FMS CREDITS FOR CHILE THIS YEAR; BUT, THE SECRETARY SAID, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CHILE'S REACTION. HE SAID THAT IF \$10 MILLION OF CASH SALES WERE NOT ENOUGH, WE WOULD CONSIDER "ADDING MORE."

7. THE SECRETARY INQUIRED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. CARVAJAL REPLIED THAT IT WAS IMPROVING. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE MEASURES ARE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY AND THAT THE PEOPLE ARE COOPERATING. TRUCCO ADDED THAT THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT HAD BEEN WIPED OUT AND COMPLETELY FINANCED (SIC).

8. THE SECRETARY TOLD CARVAJAL THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SUPPORT A PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE ON COPPER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CHILEANS STAY IN TOUCH WITH US SO THAT WE CAN SET UP SOME SORT OF AD HOC GROUP. THIS GROUP WOULD SET OBJECTIVE CRITERIA TO DEFINE THE INTERESTS OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. THESE INTERESTS MIGHT BE DEFINED AS A PERCENTAGE OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. CARVAJAL SAID THE GOC'S IMPRESSION OF THE SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH, ESPECIALLY THE PART WHICH DEALT WITH PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONSHIPS, WAS VERY GOOD. THE SECRETARY REITERATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CHILEANS COORDINATE AMONG THE PRODUCERS.

9. THE SECRETARY REMARKED THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THE CHILEANS' DESIRE TO HOST THE NEXT SESSION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT SANTIAGO. CARVAJAL RESPONDED
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AFFIRMATIVELY. THE SECRETARY ASKED IF THE OTHER MEMBERS WOULD AGREE. CARVAJAL SAID HE HAD HEARD NO OBJECTIONS. TURCCO SAID THE MEXICANS WERE SKEPTICAL, BUT THAT BOTH PRESIDENTS LOPEZ OF COMOMBIA AND PEREZ OF VENEZUELA THOUGHT THE IDEA HAD SOME MERIT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A MEETING IF THE OTHER LATIN NATIONS SUPPORT IT. TURCCO NOTED THAT THE DELEGATES WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE "OBVIOUS DISTORTIONS" ABOUT CHILE AND THE "EFFECTS OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IN RETURNING THE COUNTRY TO NORMALCY."

10. TURCCO GAVE THE SECRETARY A MEMO ON THE ARMS LIMITATION TALKS RECENTLY HELD IN SANTIAGO. THE SECRETARY PROMISED THAT WE WOULD STUDY THE DOCUMENT.
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